

REMARKS

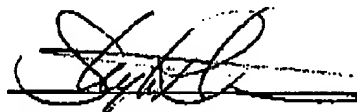
Claims 1, 3-9, and 11-20 are pending in the present application. Independent claims 1, 9, and 17 are amended to incorporate features originally presented in claims 2 and 10, which are canceled. Claims 3 and 11 are amended into independent form. Claim 20 is added and incorporates features originally presented in claims 3 and 11. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Since claims 2-4, 10-12, and 18 were objected to and claims 5-8, 13-16, and 19 were allowed, it is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the prior art of record and is now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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